

# SIRS Researcher®

On target, on the issues



Open even more eyes

Find even more answers

Explore even more subjects

SIRS Researcher® features thousands of relevant full-text articles and analysis on today's hottest and most controversial social, scientific, health, historic, economic, political, and global issues.

## Insights into current and enduring topics

SIRS Researcher® helps students make sense of the world by offering relevant, credible articles that tell the whole story on the major issues of the day. Students can access thousands of highly targeted documents—many accompanied by charts, maps, photos, diagrams, and illustrations—from more than 1,600 national and international sources.

Go in-depth into nearly 100 leading issues or explore thousands of topical issues in the areas of business, environment, family, global issues, health, human relations, institutions, and science. It's all here, enduring issues such as abortion, capital punishment, and gun control; and

current issues such as doping in sports, eating disorders, and same-sex marriage.

At SIRS every document has been carefully selected by our editors to ensure its relevancy, credibility, curricular applicability, and appropriateness to students. Our unique non-divisive, unbiased approach delivers content on all sides of an issue—pro, con, and everything in between. Students can build essential critical thinking skills and form their own opinions by seeing all the angles.

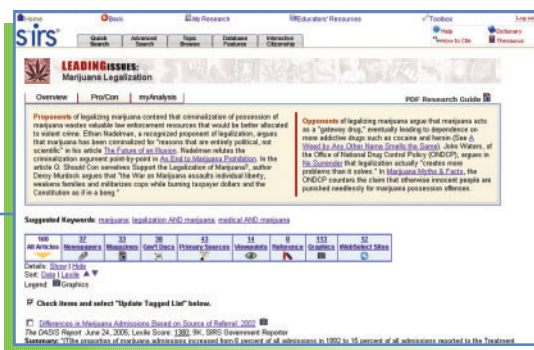
An easy-to-use interface makes finding relevant information simple. Subject, keyword, and topic browse queries are available, and students can quickly sort their results by relevance, date, source, or Lexile. They can also limit searches by

images, maps, news, or pro/con to focus on specific sources. My Research organizes student work with one-click access to tagged lists, citations, search history, and session-save tools.

Additional tools integrate Researcher into daily instruction, including state and national standards alignments, which saves teachers time in the lesson planning process and ensures that library resources are correlated directly to learning needs. And, Lexile reading levels match reader ability and text difficulty, allowing for individualized instruction and monitoring of student progress.

Let SIRS Researcher help your students develop a well-rounded view of today's complex issues.

"I would say at least 70% of our students feel overwhelmed and lost when a research assignment is presented to them. SIRS really breaks down the steps into manageable units. Students look at this and say to themselves 'yes, I can do this,' rather than feeling like they don't even know where to start."—Jill Nyse, District Media Specialist, Winona Area Public Schools, MN



## SIRS Researcher Leading Issues™

**Studying tough issues?** SIRS Researcher Leading Issues™ gives you instant access to a complete one-stop resource for understanding an issue. ■ Leading Issues explores nearly 100 issues with coverage that offers a well-rounded view of today's complex issues. Each issue contains:

- A concise introductory overview for context
- Review of the issue's main pro/con viewpoints with three related articles for each viewpoint
- My Analysis that frames the important questions on the issue
- Printable PDF for use in classroom instruction
- Hundreds of relevant full-text documents and multimedia resources on all sides of the issue, updated daily

In addition, you'll find a Top 10 List of users' choices on important issues at the forefront of societal discussion, and a monthly poll for students to voice an opinion. ■ Major topics addressed by SIRS Researcher:

- **Business** Consumerism, Economics, Money, Work
- **Environment** Earth Science, Energy, Habitat, Pollution, Population
- **Family** Aging, Death & Dying, Family, Youth
- **Global Issues** Defense, Economics, Government, History, Human Rights, Third World, World Affairs
- **Health** Aging, AIDS, Food, Health, Medical Science, Mental Health, Substance Abuse
- **Human Relations** Communication, Ethics, Ethnic Groups, Human Rights, Privacy, Sexuality, Women
- **Institutions** Communication, Criminal Justice, Education, Religion, Sports
- **Science** Applied Science, Earth Science, Life Science, Medical Science, Physical Science, Technology, Transportation

## A look at what's new in SIRS Researcher:

- **Leading Issues & Top 10 focus** provide instant access to information on 100 current and enduring social issues and the top 10 most-researched issues for the month
- **Pro/Con & MyAnalysis** tabs make exploring the opposing viewpoints of our time easier
- **Curriculum guides** walk students through the research process and help them to form their own opinions, using our Leading Issues as a primary source of information
- **That's Debatable** monthly poll allows students to express their opinion on key issues affecting the world today
- **Clean, updated interface** offers a more visually sophisticated window into the top-quality resources you've come to expect from Researcher
- **Special features** are a click away, including Focus on Terrorism, Maps of the World, Today's News, ChallengeQuest, and Spotlights
- **Targeted source search** finds any of tens of thousands of images, maps, news, and pro/con sources for use in reports, presentations, and more
- **Educator Resources & My Research** offer easy access to tools for integrating SIRS into daily instruction and organizing research projects

**To learn more** For more information about SIRS Researcher, call 800-521-0600.

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